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March 29, 2001

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Dear Ms. Sheppard-Johnson,

I am writing on behalf of our affiliated company, Clestra Hauserman, located in Solon, Ohio, in response to the notice letter dated March 2, 2001 regarding the Chemical Recovery Systems Site in Elyria, Ohio. For the reasons described below, I would like to request a two-week extension of the time to submit our response to the Section 104e request for information.

Since Clestra received the letter we have been working to locate records relating to this site. Unfortunately, we have not located any records dating from the relevant period. Further, we are still gathering documents that pertain to the corporate history of Clestra and the Hauserman entities. Based on our initial review of partial documentation, it appears that prior owners retain any liability for Hauserman activities during the relevant period. We would like to complete our review of those records, which may include obtaining documentation from the former parent company in France. Because of the difficulties in getting these documents, I request that our time to respond be extended to April 20.

Please let me know as soon as possible if this extension is acceptable.

Sincerely,

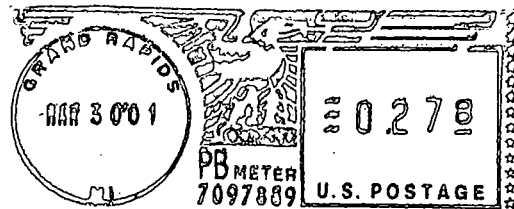


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